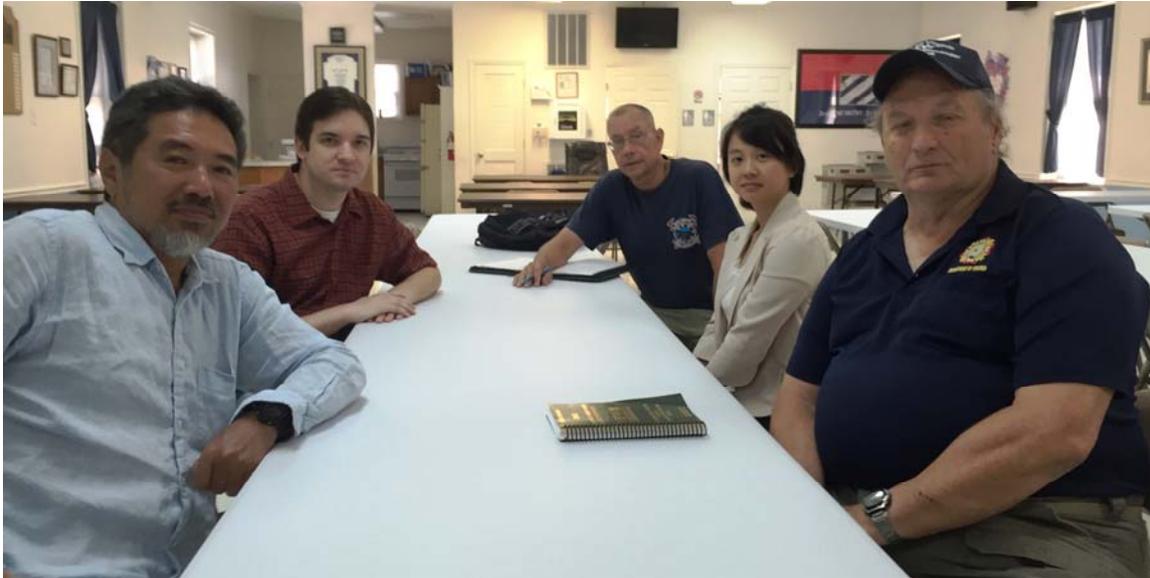


CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
August 2016



Representatives from Kuentai USA met with supporters at our Post on July 19 to discuss ongoing recovery projects on Saipan. Our Post helps to sponsor their efforts and Ron Link (R) discussed future funding.

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Post Commander

Pete MacLeod



The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States does not, as an organization, endorse anyone for President. But as U.S. citizens, we cannot put our heads in the sand either. We all have our own ideas about who we are going to vote for. I attended the 2012 VFW National Convention in Reno, Nevada and got a close look at the two major candidates for president, incumbent Democrat Barack Obama and the Republican candidate Mitt Romney. I formed my own ideas about their speeches and conduct as they addressed the convention.

Family and work commitments made it impossible for me to go to Charlotte for this year's convention but through the excellent video feed provided by the VFW I was able to get a very good "look" at the Democrat, Hillary Clinton and the Republican, Donald Trump while sitting at my home computer.

So many times, what a candidate or incumbent promises, gets lost in the weeks and months after the speech. Who can remember what President Obama or Governor Romney promised veterans at the convention back in 2012? Which one got right to the issues veterans were talking about at the time and which one was more interested in talking about his own campaign? I'll let you do the research on that one. This time both candidates got right into "veteran's issues" and more importantly both candidates attempted to speak directly to the assembled VFW and Auxiliary members.

Democrat Hillary Clinton spoke on Monday at the convention so she goes first with her promises to veterans:

1. Create a "21st century" Department of Veterans Affairs to deliver world class care.
2. No privatization of Veterans Affairs, make it work!
3. Improve health care for female veterans.
4. Bring down the death rate from veteran's suicides.
5. Help veterans find jobs by giving tax credits to employers who hire vets.
6. Provide aid to help veterans start their own businesses.
7. Crack down on companies that discriminate against veterans.
8. Follow the example of cities which have eliminated homelessness for veterans.
9. Defend the current G.I. Bill and stop attempts to chip away at it.
10. Support military spouses and defend the rights of LGBT veterans.

Her final words involved a pledge to help veterans who think they have to be invisible and hide their military service. She said that is wrong! "I will honor your service, not with words,

but with deeds."

Republican Donald Trump spoke on Tuesday and here are his promises to veterans:

1. Appoint a Secretary of Veterans Affairs who will make it the mission to "clean up" the VA.
2. Use every lawful authority to remove and discipline federal employees who breach the public trust.
3. Ask Congress to pass a bill giving the VA Secretary full authority to remove or discipline any employee who risks the health, safety, or well being of a veteran.
4. Appoint a commission to investigate all the wrongdoing at the VA.
5. Protect the jobs of the honest and dedicated people who work for the VA and put them in line for promotions.
6. Create a 24-hour a day private White House Hotline for complaints about the VA and make sure a real person is always there to answer.
7. Create an incentive program for employees of the VA who save money and improve the quality of care they provide.
8. Change the Visa programs so veterans are first in line for jobs in this country they fought to protect.
9. Mental health care for veterans will be improved and there will be outreach to veterans in need of mental health care outside the system.
10. Ensure that every male and female veteran in America has access to top-quality care.

Mr. Trump concluded with an overall promise: "If I am elected president ... you're going to notice a change in the VA and the whole entire government; a change in attitude and results."

There you have it, the promises made to the VFW and its' Auxiliary. No matter who wins in November, we have to remember to look back in July of 2020 and see how many of these promises were kept!

August always has special memories for me. It is the month I was inducted into the U.S. Army and the month I came home from a year in Vietnam.

Who can remember the day they joined the U.S. military? It was August 18, 1969 for me. I was one of about 40 sad and scared looking souls who boarded a school bus in Framingham, Mass. at 6:00 am for the 40 minute ride to the Boston Army Base for physicals and induction. Ironically it was the Monday after "Woodstock" which made things even more surreal. I ran into one guy who had actually attended the rock concert in nearby NY and said his car broke down on the Mass. Pike on the way back and he just left it there.

When we got to the base, we walked into an old brick building on the waterfront in South Boston for a morning of walking around naked getting poked and prodded and yelled at. I remember getting a free lunch and sitting looking out at Boston

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Harbor wishing I was on one of the ships or boats and getting away from this place.

Shortly after lunch, we were divided into groups of 20 and herded into a room for the actual saying of the oath. I remember being depressed as I raised my right arm and repeated the words. Then

something happened that will always stay with me. A stern looking older Sergeant approached and shook my hand and said he admired my maturity. To this day, I don't know why he singled me out. I didn't feel very mature. But I did start to feel a little better and more confident and thought maybe I was doing the right thing. We then got on a bus for Fort Dix, N.J. and a new world!

Youth News and Notes, Aug., 2016

In about a month, students will start wrestling with the new VFW essay themes for this coming school year and the question we are asked most frequently by parents, teachers and the students is some variation of, "What are the judges looking for"? I usually direct them to the VFW national website at www.vfw.org and go into the Community section and read last year's winning essays for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy.

Here are some of the things you will find in most of the winning essays over the years:

1. Quotes from famous people but not too many of them.
2. Some mention of family members.
3. At least one personal experience related to the theme.
4. Evidence there was research that went into the essay.
5. Statements of patriotism and love of country.
6. References to the U.S. military.
7. An optimistic tone to the essay.

Be humble, thankful and aware of the sacrifices of the U.S. military that allow you to live in freedom and democracy today.

But you can go to the national website and read Grayson Campbell's (Florida) winning Voice of Democracy essay from last school year and Shane Stafford's (Nevada) winning Patriot's Pen essay.

Again, this year's themes: "The America I Believe In" for Patriot's Pen (Grades 6-8) and "My Responsibility to America" for Voice of Democracy (Grades 9-12).

We also are asked the formula for winning VFW Teacher of the Year. Having sat in on local and district judging for more than 10 years I can tell you that documentation is extremely important. If there has been a news article or certificate given to the teacher, please include it. Any photos of special projects the teacher has carried out with his or her classes are also a hit with most judges. The judges, most of the time, are interested in what the teacher does with his or her classes; not so much with special "Clubs" or athletic teams. One of the prime stipulations from the VFW is, that the teacher must be a "classroom teacher" and be in the classroom with the students most of the day. This follows with the judge's interest in what the teacher does on a daily basis with her or his class and any innovations the teacher has come up with to make learning more exciting and teaching more effective. Anyone, parent, fellow teacher, administrator or student can make a VFW Teacher of the Year nomination. The deadline for Teacher of the Year entries (K-5), (6-8) and (9-12) is Feb. 15, 2017.

We urge any VFW or Auxiliary member interested in making an outreach to youth to attend the VFW Post 7589/Auxiliary Youth Committee meeting at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 16 at the Post Hall. We hope to have the new essay contest application forms/brochures at that time.

Pete MacLeod

Veterans needed for "Not for Glory" exhibit at the Manassas Museum

Mary Helen Dellinger, Curator of the Manassas Museum is currently working on the "Not for Glory" exhibit which opens to the public on September 9th and will remain on view through February 19, 2017. Instead of the Curator writing the exhibit she is asking Veterans to participate in providing stories about their military experiences that they feel comfortable sharing with the public. They are looking for stories from local Veterans that served in one of the following conflicts: Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Modern Day War on Terror. These stories can be anything from being wounded in combat or losing a family member to the reason they joined the service. All they ask for is a brief story, ac-

companied by an original photograph of the Veteran. They will take the photo and story and turn that into a small panel that will be installed in the exhibit.

If you would like to participate, contact Curator Mary Helen Dellinger, at mdellinger@ci.manassas.va.us.

They are asking for the stories by August 12th.

Thank you to the Manassas Museum for including our Veteran's.

American Legion Post 10 will be displaying the US flag, service flags and a POW/MIA table in the exhibit.



Auxiliary President's Message

Mary Corkhill



It is now official. At the 103rd VFW Auxiliary Convention in Charlotte, NC, the 2016-2017 National President Colette Bishop took office today, July 27, 2016. The other new National officers are: National Sr. Vice President Dee Guillory, National Jr. Vice President Sandi Kriebel, National Secretary/Treasurer Jan Owens, National Chaplain Peggy Haake, National Conductress Sandra Onstwedder, and National Guard Jean Hamil. The membership of this organization is looking forward to a successful year with everyone's assistance. Good luck to all the new National Officers.

There were several resolutions brought before the convention floor. The main one was the increase in Life Membership. Since the cost of Life Membership has not been increased since 1985, the organization will increase the Life Membership fee by 15% starting January 1, 2017. If you were thinking about changing your membership from Annual to Life, please do it before January 1, 2017. Also, your 2017 annual dues are due now. PLEASE forward them to the Auxiliary Treasurer Elanor Doczi, 7415 Roxbury Dr., Manassas, VA 20109. Thank you in advance.

Congratulations to the new Auxiliary Officers at all levels. We look forward to working with you for our veterans and their families. Next year's Eastern Conference has the opportunity to have the 2017-2018 candidates for National Guard. They are: Jane Reape from New York and Bernadette Botby from New Jersey. Another candidate for National Treasurer is Jan Passmore from Michigan.

The main focus for the Post and Auxiliary is veterans and their families. We have several programs that we will be working on this year. They are: Americanism, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, Scholarship, Veterans & Family Support and Youth Activities. The Department President Shema Peppers special project is Suicide Awareness. If you have participated in any of the above programs, please let us know.

The scholarship program for high school is **Voice of Democracy** (Grades 9-12) and the theme is "**My Responsibility to America**". The middle school program is **Patriot's Pen** (Grades 6-8) and the theme is "**The America I Believe in**". The deadline for both contests is November 1, 2016. The National Citizenship Education Teacher Award and Continuing Education Award (for Auxiliary immediate family members) deadline is February 15, 2017. The final contest for high school age students is the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art** expressing patriotism through art. That contest deadline is March 31, 2017. We look forward to any of the contests entries from the students of the communities.

The Department Auxiliary Council of Administration and School of Instruction will be held in Hillsville, VA on August 5-6, 2016. If you would like to attend, please let me know. Another event is the POW/MIA memorial which will be held at the American Legion Post 10 on Friday, September 16, 2016. On **Sunday**, September 18th, Post 7589 will host the District 8 meeting at 1:00pm. A meal will be served before the meeting. Please attend.

The schedule for the next three months is listed below:

Aug 1	Post/Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 pm (Inspection)
Aug 5-6	School of Instruction – Hillsville, VA
Aug 16	Youth Committee meeting – 7pm
Sept 8	Executive Meeting – 7pm
Sept 9	Yard Sale setup (Dinner at a Restaurant)
Sept 10	Yard Sale (Auxiliary Event)
Sept 11	9/11 Memorial Buddy Poppy - Distribution to public
Sept 12	Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting - 7:30pm
Sept 15-20	Celebrating America's Freedom/Mt. Rushmore, Rapid City, SD
Sept 16	POW/MIA Ceremony - 5 pm – American Legion Post 10
Sept 18	District meeting/7589, Manassas Post - 1:00 pm (Lunch at Noon)
Sept 29	Executive Meeting – 7pm
Oct 1	Manassas Fall Jubilee - 10am - 5pm (Post & Auxiliary will attend) Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting - 7:30pm
Oct 3	
Oct 22	Commander & President's Homecoming at Post 1503 – 6:00pm
Oct 28-30	Southern Conference, Rogers, AR

The National Home for Children located in Eaton Rapids, MI, is celebrating their 91st year. They assist families of active-duty military during a deployment or unaccompanied tour. Auxiliary 7589 is **NOT** collecting Campbell soup labels due to their discontinuance of the program. Please keep the National Home for Children in your prayers.

Please keep any individuals or family members, who are ill or hospitalized, in your prayers. We want to see you on the road of recovery.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President



First Desert Storm Veteran Elected VFW National Commander



CHARLOTTE, N.C. (July 27, 2016) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States concluded its 117th National Convention here today by electing Brian J. Duffy of Louisville, Ky., as its new leader.

His election also introduces a new era for America’s oldest and largest war veterans’ organization, in that he becomes the first Operation Desert Storm veteran to become the VFW commander-in-chief.

Duffy served in the U.S. Air Force as a jet engine mechanic on F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft, and later as a flight engineer aboard C-141 Starlifter transport aircraft. During his service, he deployed in support of several campaigns to include Grenada, Panama, and Operations Desert Shield and Storm in Southwest Asia. Following his military service he would be hired by United Parcel Service as a flight engineer instructor. He would rise through the UPS ranks until he retired in 2014 as assistant chief pilot, having flown worldwide as an instructor/check captain on the Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft.

During [his acceptance speech](#), the new national commander strongly praised the work of the 117-year-old organization and encouraged its members to better educate others on exactly what the VFW does for veterans, service members and their families. He did note, however, that the VFW’s modest approach to reaching younger veterans wasn’t resonating with a newer generation that clearly identifies with belonging to something big, doing something cool, and touting their accomplishments more.

“This great big organization we call the VFW does something very cool that most Americans—and especially those who serve in uniform—just don’t know because we don’t shout from the rooftops enough,” he said. “Cool things like providing \$5.6 million in grants to help nearly 3,900 military and veteran families through emergency financial situations; helping more than 80,000 veterans and transitioning military to receive \$1.5 billion in earned compensation and pension from the VA; and providing millions in scholarships to veterans, service members, and high school and middle school students,” he said.

Duffy has been a member of the VFW for 33 years. He first joined VFW Post 6590 in Cookstown, N.J., after returning from Grenada in 1983. He later transferred his membership to VFW Post 120 in Garden City Park, N.Y., then to VFW Post 1170 in Middletown, Ky. He served as commander of the VFW Department of Kentucky in 2006, and achieved All-American status at the VFW Post, District and Department levels.

With leadership experience at all levels of the organization, Duffy’s tone throughout his remarks was one of experience and optimism for the future.

“We must push a message that the VFW is an organization that has always been rooted in service to others, that we are an organization of doers, and an organization comprised of men and women who returned home from their wars and conflicts as better, more compassionate and confident human beings,” he said. “We need your Departments and Posts to turn up the volume and communicate every story—and loudly!”

Among his primary objectives for the ensuing year is heightening the focus of mental health awareness and changing the veteran’s narrative—the veteran’s brand—which right now has 40 percent of Americans believing half of all veterans are experiencing mental health challenges, and an astounding 92 percent of employers believing veterans need access to mental health care programs.

He said it’s no secret that 20 veterans commit suicide every day, but what most folks don’t know is only five of those veterans are enrolled in the VA.

“Professional mental health counseling isn’t the VFW’s forte inasmuch as having walked the talk is,” he said, calling that powerful relevance to those who deploy and for their families who anxiously await their safe return. He also said it doesn’t matter if your war was in Europe, Africa, Asia or the Middle East—or in this century or the last—but that “we were all younger once, and we all came back different in one respect or another, to include thinking no one understood us,” he said, which is “why the VFW cannot allow any service member to ever think no one understands them.”

During his tenure as national commander, Duffy will log thousands of miles across the U.S. and abroad to promote the veterans’ issues and advocate for better quality of life programs for all veterans, service members and their families.

Also elected were Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith E. Harman, of Delphos, Ohio, and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Vincent “B.J.” Lawrence, of Alamogordo, N.M.

Hal Roesch Appointed Inspector General Carolina), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.



Harold "Hal" Roesch was appointed inspector general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on July 27, 2016, at the VFW's 117th National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

Hal served in the United States Air Force from 1982 to 2002. He is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield/Storm and Southern Watch, and the recipient of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, the Humanitarian Service Medal (for Hurricane Hugo relief in South

He joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1991 at Post 3034 in Sumter, S.C., later transferring to Post 4542 in Spring Lake, N.C., then to Post 3219 in Phoebus, Va., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as Department commander from 2008 to 2009, in which he achieved All-American status, thus achieving his Triple Crown All-American status. On the national level, he served on the Council of Administration from 2010 to 2012.

Hal is currently a financial advisor with First Command Financial Planning. He received his Associate of Arts degree in Avionics System Technology from the Community College of the Air Force, and is a life member of Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, the American Legion, and the Military Order of the Cootie.

He and his wife, Beth, reside in Hampton, Va.

VFW National HQ Gets New Leadership

Along with the election of the VFW's first Desert Storm veteran as national commander came the appointment of a new adjutant general and the election of the VFW's first woman as quartermaster general. Debra Anderson, who is also a Desert Storm veteran, held previous positions as assistant quartermaster general and director of Human Resources and Investment Coordinator prior to her election to quartermaster general. Bob Wallace is the VFW's new adjutant general, as well as the executive director of the VFW Washington Office. He served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam and is the recipient of three Purple Hearts. He was also the VFW national commander from 1991 to 1992.



Safety: Faulty Takata air bags

On June 30th, Federal Regulators issued an urgent warning to owners of more than 300,000 Hondas and Acuras saying they should NOT drive their vehicles until their Takata air bags have been replaced.

The problem: faulty Takata air bags can rupture during a crash and spray drivers or passengers with metal shrapnel. Ten deaths and hundreds of injuries have been reported involving ruptured Takata air bags, but unfortunately replacement air bags are in short supply, so many U.S. drivers of these vehicles are facing an extended wait for repairs. According to the NHTSA, faulty Takata air bags show rupture rates as much as 50% in a laboratory setting.

The vehicles involved in the Takata recall are as follows:

2001 -2002 Honda Civic
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 2002 -2003 Acura TL
 2002 Honda CRV
 2002 Honda Odyssey
 2003 Acura CL
 2003 Honda Pilot

While Honda and Acura have issued recall notices to original vehicle owners, many of these models have been purchased used so their driver may not be aware of this dangerous condition.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Salute or... not?

By Patrick Mobley, Sous Correspondant National
Voiture Nationale 40&8



We recently received an inquiry from a veteran that attended a local advisory board meeting where several veterans' organizations were represented, including the 40 & 8. He was surprised and confused to see a large number of the board and audience members (including Voyageurs) rendering hand salutes to the colors during the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked us for some clarification.

As you might guess, this question has been discussed and debated from the halls of Congress to the local posts of veterans' organizations all over the country. I will do my best to clarify the current circumstances with regard to this issue.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. A later amendment further authorized hand salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of- uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed in October 2008. However, that legislation did not offer any sort of parity for veterans (in or out of uniform) who are present during recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

By itself, the legislation still wasn't clear until 2013 when Public Law 113-66 clarified the procedure, which adds a line at the end of the previous version of **4USCCh.1 § 4 - Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery**

It now reads:

4USC CH.1 § 4

“The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”, should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. **Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.**”

As veterans, I'm sure we're all aware that traditionally, members of veterans' service organizations have rendered the hand salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head gear; Public Law 113-66 now offers veterans the opportunity to render the hand salute regardless of the presence of head gear, official or otherwise.



regardless of the presence of head gear, official or otherwise.

I hope that you find this information useful. In the event that you are now more confused than ever, I'll offer the advice that I received many decades ago as a young sailor; when in doubt...salute.

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Welcome to our new members:

- Greg Bonner
- Pierre Croteau
- Ronald Filippone
- Levert Jackson
- Carl Larry
- Tom McCoy
- Roger Nicol
- Lalouras Thomas
- Matt Wilkerson
- Edward Yablonski

WWII 75th Signature Event

Signature Event: Tribute to World War II Veterans
“Dawn of Infamy: America goes to War”
 Thursday, December 8, 2016
 University of Richmond – Robins Center





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- For more information and to register now, visit www.VirginiaWorldWarII.org/2016tribute

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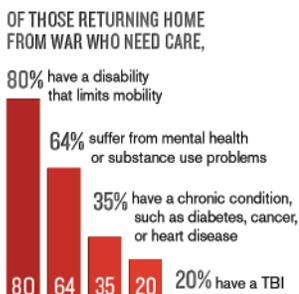
The tragedy of 9/11 compelled many to sign up to protect our country and sent legions of service members, national guardsmen and reservists suddenly into battle. Now, as they transition home, many service members face daunting circumstances, and the unsung heroes who care for them face hardships that are equally overwhelming.

Operation Family Caregiver equips the families of newly returning service members and veterans with the skills they need to adjust to this 'new normal.'

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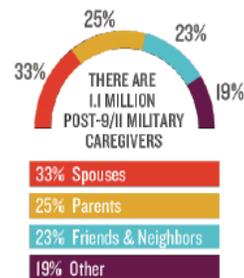
In the years since 9/11, more than 2.5 million men and women have been deployed, and more than 50,000 have been wounded in action. Lost limbs and the severe effects of traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress are realities that affect many returning service members. The transition home with these types of injuries can be jarring, and they are forced to lean heavily on loved ones for help. This can be particularly difficult for those who are drawn to the military in the first place – individuals who take great pride in their strength, competence, and self-reliance.



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- August 5 - 7 Department School of Instruction & Fall Council Meeting -- Post 9808, Mechanicsville
- September 10 Auxiliary Yard Sale — Setup on Friday evening
- September 11 Auxiliary 9/11 Memorial Buddy Poppy distribution
- September 16 POW/MIA Day
- September 18 District 8 Meeting at Post 7589 — Lunch at noon, meeting at 1:00 PM

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